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FOR: HOT-ROLLED WIRE ROD, EXCELLENT IN WIRE DRAWABILITY, ALLOWING HEAT TREATMENT PRIOR

TO WIRE DRAWING TO BE OMITTED

# INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

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